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Subject Request That Clarksville Lawsuits Be Filed As Public Record With US EPA

**Title VI Action Committee**  
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Ms. Wooden-Aguilar:

Please read the following material and note for your records that the city of Clarksville has lost three lawsuits in federal court for discrimination and settled two out of court for the same offense. There are also several other Title VI and Discrimination lawsuits filed against the city of Clarksville pending.

The Title VI Action Committee request's that this information be noted and filed for public record with the United States Environmental Protection Agency Contract Compliance Manager who directly manages federal grants awarded to the state of Tennessee. The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation refuses to perform a Title VI Compliance Audit and Review as required when compliance is in doubt.

We want the Environmental Protection Agency officials to properly note for the record that the city of Clarksville which receives federal funding for several programs has the following violations:

**(1) Several Clarksville Departments and Divisions have no Title VI Coordinators for these departments to address Title VI complaints from within the department and to answer civil rights complaints from the general public:**

**(2) The city of Clarksville has no Title VI Policy or Procedures presently:**

**(3) The city of Clarksville has not reported to Tennessee State agencies alone with the US Environmental Protection Agency officials of all lawsuits filed against them. It is the belief of the Title VI Action Committee that Letters of Assurances were signed fraudulently by city department heads or other city officials in order for them to receive federal funds.**

**(4) The city of Clarksville has had multiple civil rights lawsuits filed against them losing three of these lawsuits for discrimination in federal court and settling two of them for the same offense.**

According to federal guidelines all state agencies that provide federal funding to the city must report these serious violations to the federal agency specifically that agency's Contract Compliance Manager that provides the state with federal funding.

We request that federal funding to the city of Clarksville be halted or frozen until a public hearing can be held by federal officials to determine the city's Title VI compliance's status.

**This is a Title VI and Administrative complaint!**

Please read the following below.

Enoch Hagans, Director  
Title VI Action Committee

### **28 C.F.R. § 50.3**

#### **Sec. 50.3 Guidelines for the enforcement of title VI, Civil Rights Act of 1964.**

**(a) Where the heads of agencies having responsibilities under title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 conclude there is noncompliance with regulations issued under that title, several alternative courses of action are open. In each case, the objective should be to secure prompt and full compliance so that needed Federal assistance may commence or continue.**

**(b) Primary responsibility for prompt and vigorous enforcement of title VI rests with the head of each department and agency administering programs of Federal financial assistance. Title VI itself and relevant Presidential directives preserve in each agency the authority and the duty to select, from among the available sanctions, the methods best designed to secure compliance in individual cases. *The decision to terminate or refuse assistance is to be made by the agency head or his designated representative.***